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THINGS ABOUT US

notes about the division of library services
western kentucky university
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IT'S SO NICE TO HEAR

After spending two days.....researching material.....in your well, historically-stocked Kentucky Library, I'd like to thank you and your very helpful associates.....It couldn't have been better.....a most pleasant and productive experience.

(from a historical researcher from Clarkson, KY)

CURRENT KENTUCKY MUSEUM PROGRAMS

A new exhibit, "Centenary Style", a parlor setting of the centenary year 1876, opened February 20 in the Kentucky Museum. The exhibition depicts a typical parlor of the mid-Victorian period. Many of the items in the exhibit are on display for the first time. The exhibit was assembled by the museum staff including, Ira Kohn, who has recently joined the staff as exhibits preparator. Also assisting with the exhibit was Becky Mounts, a senior in Home Economics, who is working in the Kentucky Museum this semester as part of the internship requirement for her department. An opening reception for the exhibit was held on Friday, February 20, from 9:30-11:00 a.m. for all Academic Services faculty and staff.

In the same area of the museum, further exhibitions of objects from the same time period are scheduled for completion in the coming months.

"Selections from the Snell Collection!", an exhibition of paintings, sculpture, and art objects assembled by the Kentucky Museum, continues in the Exhibits Gallery of the Ivan Wilson Fine Arts Center through March 4.

THE NEW ARRIVAL

The Reference Department takes pleasure in announcing a new arrival. The Computer Center and Physical Plant have combined to deliver us a 5-foot, 100-pound, 60-drawer card catalog for our reference collection. Author, title and subject cards for the holdings of the reference room are included. Cards for reference books located on other floors are expected to arrive soon.

LECTURE ON REFERENCE BOOK PUBLISHING

On February 24, Ms. Alice Nelson of the Gale Research Company, will present a lecture giving an overview of reference book publishing and of reference works from original concept to final book form. The subject matter of the program will include how reference books develop from societal pressures, special information on current and future titles, the librarian's role in developing new reference books, and a look into the future.

This program will be held in Room 2 of the Department of Library Science, Helm Library, at 1:50 p.m. and will last approximately one hour. It is open to all interested persons.

INTERLIBRARY LOANS

The interlibrary loan office, 109 Helm, is a busy, bustling corner of the library. As an adjunct of the Reference Section, interlibrary loan occupies about half the working hours of two librarians and over 75% of the time of one clerical staff member. The service available to faculty and graduate students at Western and extended to any public, academic, or special libraries making requests has grown rapidly during the past five years. In fiscal 1971, for example, Western requested 401 items (books and photocopied articles) from other libraries and received 99 requests for material in return. Since August 25, half way through this academic year, the numbers are 288 items requested, 733 requests received. The dramatic shift from net borrowing to net lending is primarily the result of two developments-the establishment of KENCLIP, a cooperative venture involving the Kentucky Department of Library and Archives, the public libraries of the state and the state-supported universities; and the completion of the Kentucky Union List of Serials, making information about our serial holdings available to other academic libraries within the state.

Some interesting statistics-

- Faculty members make 1/4 more requests for books than for photocopied material.
- Graduate students request 1/5 more photocopies than books.
- Most requests for book loans are sent to out-of-state libraries. Most photocopy requests go to in-state libraries.
- The average outgoing request requires approximately one hour of staff time. For requests more difficult to verify and locate, the time required extends to many hours.
- Heaviest users of interlibrary loan are faculty of the Department of Philosophy and Religion and graduate students of the Department of Intercultural and Folk Studies.
- About half of the incoming requests are from public libraries within Kentucky. Most requests are for books. The next largest percentage comes from in-state academic libraries. Most requests are for photocopied material.
- Requests are filled for high school students, adults preparing club programs, housewives reading for pleasure and do-it-yourselfers as well as for scholars.
- During this year we have received 225 requests which we were unable to fill-mostly for non-circulating material in the Kentucky Library.

Interlibrary Loan (continued)

- 288 separate outgoing requests were required to obtain 205 items.
- Six outgoing requests and twelve incoming requests have been for library repairs.

Public service librarians are reminded that interlibrary loan can sometimes provide an additional method of locating materials not otherwise available for graduate students and faculty involved in research.

GRANTS AND CONTRACT SERVICES

The office of Grant and Contract Services will move to Room 37, Wetherby Administration Building on or about Tuesday, February 24. The telephone number (4652) will remain the same. During the period of transition, grant transactions and proposals will be processed as expeditiously as possible.

HELPING OTHERS

Rose Davis, clerical assistant in Technical Services-Data Processing, is collecting the following items in behalf of her service sorority:

- Cancelled stamps
- Greeting card pictures
- Betty Crocker coupons
- "Cents-off" coupons

The Betty Crocker coupons are used to buy a wheelchair for a needy handicapped person; the stamps and coupons are used for various charities; and the greeting cards are used in craft projects at nursing homes.

HASTA LA VISTA!

Dr. Earl Wassom, Director of Library Services, will leave March 6 for Merida, Venezuela, where he will stay for two weeks to initiate a six-month consulting program with the libraries of the Universidad de Los Andes. Other members of the consulting team are Dr. Robert Rees, Staff Assistant; Dr. Ed Gleaves and Mr. Wilburn Clouse from Peabody College. These members will visit Merida at various times during the next six months.

POSITION AVAILABLE

Position:	Business/Economics Reference Bibliographer
Duties:	To provide public services in an academic library extensively involved in bibliographic instruction.
Requirements:	Library experience and background in either Accounting or Management
Benefits:	Faculty rank, TIAA-CREF, 12-month contract. Salary- \$11,000-\$13,000.
Contact:	Joseph F. Boykin, Jr., Director J. Murrey Atkins Library University of North Carolina at Charlotte Charlotte, North Carolina 28223

SPRING BREAK-LIBRARY SCHEDULE

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>
Friday	March 5, 1976	7:45 a.m. -4:30 p.m.
Saturday	March 6	CLOSED
Sunday	March 7	CLOSED
Monday	March 8	8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.
Tuesday	March 9	8:00 a.m. -4:30 p.m.
Wednesday	March 10	CLOSED
Thursday	March 11	CLOSED
Friday	March 12	CLOSED
Saturday	March 13	CLOSED
Sunday	March 14	6:00 p.m. -11:00 p.m.
Monday	March 15	Resume REGULAR Schedule